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Division of Student Affairs

Dear Colleagues,

As we bring closure to the end of the fall semester, I know you're likely looking forward to some down time over winter break. I hope you have an opportunity for rest and relaxation between semesters. January is right around the corner and we'll soon do this all over again. Thank you for your continued hard work in helping students succeed! I wish you and your family a happy holiday season! Here are some news items that may interest you.

Diversity Matters Awards: Call for nominations

The Diversity Council is accepting nominations for the 2015 Diversity Matters Award. This award is presented annually in recognition of dedication and service to UNI in advancement of its diversity-related goals. Those eligible include faculty, staff, students and community members. Additional information and the [nomination form](#) are posted online. Deadline for nominations is midnight, Monday, January 5. Awards will be presented at the Town Hall Meeting on Diversity on Wednesday, January 21.

Student Affairs staff recognition event to be held on January 8

Our division has a celebratory tradition of expressing appreciation to staff for their service and accomplishments at our annual luncheon. Be sure to join me on January 8, 2015, as we recognize staff for their milestone years of service and announce the recipients of the Sue Follon Exemplary Service Award. I am excited to welcome back Jon Buse, Vice President for Student Services at Kirkwood Community College, as our guest speaker. VP Buse formerly served as Dean of Students at UNI.

Stephanie Germann is now licensed as a Mental Health Counselor

Please join me in congratulating Stephanie Germann for completing her post-degree requirements and licensure as a Mental Health Counselor. Stephanie received her BA in Psychology and MA in Mental Health Counseling from UNI and is also a Nationally Certified Counselor. Prior to joining the UNI Counseling Center staff in 2010, Stephanie worked at the Muskingum University Counseling Services. Again, congratulations to Stephanie on this achievement.

Student Services Fee Committee renamed Student Fee Committee

The Student Services Fee Committee has been renamed the Student Fee Committee. The name change is a result of aligning UNI's fees more closely with the University of Iowa and Iowa State University fee structures in FY16. Identified activities and services will be separated into the Student Activities Fee and the Student Services Fee to provide better clarity to students. The new Student Activities Fee will support student activities, student government and student organizations. The re-purposed Student Services Fee will support Panther Shuttle, Weekend SafeRide and Intercollegiate Athletics.

The Counseling Center hires new Counselor

Heidi Vogel is a graduate of Wartburg College, where she majored in Psychology and Graphic Design and minored in Spanish. She earned her MA in Clinical Psychology from the University of Central Florida and completed her internship at the UCF Counseling Center. She has counseling experience in community mental health and women's substance abuse treatment. She most recently worked as a Counselor at Catholic Charities in Cedar Rapids. Please join me in welcoming Heidi Vogel to our university.

Lyn Redington wins the Robert Mosier Professional Enrichment Award

Congratulations to Lyn Redington on receiving the Robert Mosier Professional Enrichment Award from the Upper Midwest Region- Association of College and University Housing Officers. The award recognizes individuals for “outstanding contributions to the professional development of [their] colleagues in college student housing.” Please join me in congratulating Lyn on this outstanding accomplishment.

Julia Rose (Heuer) resigns as Coordinator for Military and Veteran Student Services

After nearly two years of service, Julia Rose (Heuer) has submitted her resignation as the Coordinator for Military and Veteran Student Services to take a social work position at the Veterans' Center in the Quad Cities. In those two years of service, Julia has created a dynamic and responsive program for our veterans and left a huge impact on our campus. We will certainly miss her expertise and her passion for serving all of us. Please join me in thanking Julia for her continuous and excellent service to the university.

Mark the dates!

December 20: Fall 2014 Commencement, 11 a.m., McLeod Center

January 5: Nominations due for the 2015 Diversity Matters Award

January 8: Student Affairs Division Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Maucker Union

January 21: Diversity Fair, 1:30-2 p.m., Georgian Lounge, Commons

January 21: Town Hall Meeting on Diversity, 2 p.m., Slife Ballroom, Commons

Thanks for all you do to help students succeed.

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